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In re Patent Application of:

Masaru Miyamoto

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For: WATER BASED INK COMPOSITION FOR

Examiner: C. Shosho

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a two month extension of time to and including October 20, 2003 to respond to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2003.

This petition is being filed in order to ensure copendency with application being filed concurrently herewith.

In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

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Our check in the amount of \$420.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2) is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency of up to \$1000.00 or credit any excess in this fee to Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Dated: October 20, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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